

**Comments on levee
vegetation standards
due by March 11**

The process for obtaining a variance from new vegetation standards for Delta levees and flood walls has been posted. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is proposing to update its current process for requesting a variance from vegetation standards for levees to reflect organizational changes and incorporate current agency-wide review processes. Written comments must be submitted on or before March 11. [Go here for details.](#)

**Biodiversity Council
plans session, tour in
Suisun, Fairfield**

Integrated water management in California is the subject of a two-day session of the California Biodiversity Council, March 10 and 11 in Fairfield/Suisun. The session will include a tour and a meeting. You must register if you plan to attend. [You can register online here.](#) The agendas are still being finalized and will be posted soon. If you have questions, contact Lauren McNees (916) 445-5845 or Sherry Cooper at (530) 752-1581.

**Delta science panel to
meet next week to
discuss migrating salmon**

The Delta Science Program Independent Panel Review of the Vernalis Adaptive Management Plan will meet next Tuesday and Wednesday, March 2 and 3, in Sacramento. The Vernalis Adaptive Management Plan (VAMP) is a 12-year experimental management program designed to provide protection for San Joaquin River migrating juvenile Chinook salmon. Now in its 10th year of implementation, a number of factors have precluded implementation of the VAMP in accordance with its original study design. [Read more.](#)

**'Soiree' fundraiser set
for World Water Day
on March 11**

The Sacramento Water For People Committee is holding a fundraiser soiree on Thursday, March 11, to mark World Water Day 2010: Communicating Water Quality Challenges and Opportunities. The keynote speaker will be the CEO of Water For People, Ned Breslin, who has experience with NGOs in the water and sanitation sector since the 1980s. Tickets are \$10. [Read more.](#)

**Abandoned vessels
meeting will be held
next Wednesday**

The Delta Abandoned Vessels Removal Discussion Group facilitated by Delta Protection Commission will be held Wednesday, March 3, at the Walnut Grove Library in Walnut Grove. The meeting begins at 11 a.m. There will be an open discussion relative to regional issues and opportunities to enhance coordination. [Read more.](#)

**DWR seeks public
comment on Valley flood
inventory document**

DWR has released for public comment the draft State Plan of Flood Control Descriptive Document. It's an inventory of the facilities of the State-federal flood protection in the Sacramento and San Joaquin valleys. [The draft report is available for download here.](#) Comments about the draft report are due by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, March 2, and can be submitted by email to cvfmp@water.ca.gov.

**Delta flow criteria
focus of SWRCB
meeting on March 22**

The State Water Resources Control Board will hold a public informational proceeding on Monday, March 22, to develop flow criteria for the Delta ecosystem necessary to protect public trust resources. If necessary, the meeting may be continued on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 23 and 24. The meeting(s) will be held in Sacramento. [Go here for meeting details.](#)

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